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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 119  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Boy Scouts of America on their exemplary service to the youth of our country.

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, under the laws of the District of Columbia, by W. D. Boyce; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives of boys' work agencies met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters in a YMCA office in New York; and

WHEREAS, in September of that crucial year, the new group received important support from Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, when he visited America and interpreted the program; and

WHEREAS, since that start, more than 90, 525,000 Boy Scouts have benefited from this noble program; and

WHEREAS, the BSA does a great job of developing American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in

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such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all peoples, and are prepared to participate in, and give leadership to American society; and

WHEREAS, founded in the same year as the national group, the Boy Scout Council was established in Middle Tennessee in 1910, and has grown steadily in the number of youth served and service; and

WHEREAS, this admirable program currently supports 45,000 youth in 37 Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, forty-two percent of the Middle Tennessee Council budget comes from a Patron Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, there are 9,200 volunteers in Middle Tennessee who are involved in scouting activities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the Boy Scouts of America, reflecting with deep admiration and appreciation on their long legacy of service to youth and to American ideals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

